

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowability.

Claims 1 and 2 have been allowed. However, the Examiner's amendment amended claim 1 by adding the following recitation to the end of the claim "and the conductive pipe is providing current to the power semiconductor element." The "is providing" language is unacceptable to Applicants because it requires a device to be in use in order to infringe the subject matter defined by claim 1. For the reasons discussed on the phone with the Examiner on October 10, 2007, Applicants submit that the language "configured to" addresses that problem.

In particular, Webster's Dictionary defines the word "configure" as follows:

Configure 1. to put together or arrange the parts of in a specific way or for a specific purpose; for into a configuration. 2. *Computers*. To put (a computer system) together by supplying a specific computer with appropriate peripheral devices, as a monitor and a disk drive, and connecting them.

As is apparent from the dictionary definition, the terminology "configured to" does not merely "imply what the structure is capable of performing," which is the underpinning of the Examiner's concern with the "configured to" language, but instead states that that the subject element is structured with appropriate devices/properties for the stated specific purpose. In that way, "configured to" terminology clearly and positively states the metes and bounds of the claimed feature.

Applicants submit that no substantive examination is required in view of this amendment and the application is believed to still be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the Examiner has any additional questions or concerns regarding this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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